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INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA PRIORITY

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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TAGS: PINS SWEL ET

SUBJECT: MEDICAL SITUATION IN ERITREA

REF: ASMARA 344

1. WHILE WE ARE SYMPATHETIC TO DILEMMA WHICH CONGEN RAISES RE PROBLEMS FACED BY ELF AND LOCAL VILLAGERS IN GETTING NEEDED MEDICAL SUPPLIES, SITUATION WITHIN COUNTRY AT THIS PARTICULAR TIME IS SO SENSITIVE THAT ANY ACTION BY CONGEN IN PROVIDING SUCH SUPPLIES DIRECTLY TO ELF SYMPATHIZERS IS LIKELY TO BE SERIOUSLY MISINTERPRETED AND DISTORTED BY EPMG. SUCH REACTION COULD HAVE UNDESIRABLE EFFECT U.S.-ETHIOPIAN RELATIONS GENERALLY AT TIME WHEN WE ARE TRYING TO EXERT FAVORABLE INFLUENCE ON EPMG IN SEVERAL AREAS, INCLUDING HUMANITARIAN.

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2. WE BELIEVE THAT BEST WAY TO MAKE AVAILABLE ANY EX-

CESS MEDICAL SUPPLIES FOR USE IN LOCAL SITUATION WOULD BE  
THROUGH ITEGUE MENON HOSPITAL OR ERITREAN RED CROSS. RE-  
QUEST EMBASSY CONSIDER WHETHER THIS IS MATTER WHICH COULD  
BE RAISED DIRECTLY WITH EPMG. ALTERNATIVELY, DOES EMBASSY  
HAVE ANY OTHER SUGGESTIONS WHICH MIGHT MEET PROBLEM RAISED  
BY CONGEN AND AT SAME TIME BE ACCEPTABLE TO EPMG? INGERSOLL

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